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**New York City police officer and codefendant are sentenced for cocaine-trafficking conspiracy**

A federal judge today sentenced **Jose Gabriel Delvalle**, a former New York City Police officer, to five years in federal prison for conspiring to buy a kilogram of cocaine in Rhode Island in October. Codefendant **Basilio Aquiles Delvalle**, of New York City, was sentenced to 46 months for his role in the conspiracy.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentences, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In December, both men pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a kilogram or more of cocaine. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard W. Rose said that the government had proof that Jose Delvalle began discussions in September with another man about buying ten kilograms of cocaine. Eventually, the parties agreed on a price of \$18,500 per kilogram.

On October 14, Jose Delvalle and Basilio Delvalle met with the other man at a motel parking lot on Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick, RI. The defendants discussed the purchase of a single kilogram of cocaine and suggested that, if a third-party purchaser in New York found the cocaine acceptable, they would buy an additional nine kilos. Agents then arrested the pair.

Jose Delvalle was carrying his New York City police credentials and was armed with his department-issued nine-millimeter pistol. He has since been fired.

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According to court documents, Jose Gabriel Delvalle, 24, lives at 2181 Grant Avenue, the Bronx, New York. Basilio Aquiles Delvalle, 34, lives at 286 South Street, New York, New York.

The **Drug Enforcement Administration** and the **New York City Police Department Internal Affairs Division** conducted the investigation, with assistance from the **U.S. Marshals Service**. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose prosecuted the case for the government.

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